

**MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2012 AMERICA'S CUP
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**AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES HOST COMMITTEE
MEETING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PUBLIC SESSION
JANUARY 27, 2012**

**The America's Cup World Series Host Committee met on Friday,
January 27, 2012, in Public Session, beginning at 3:00 p.m., at the
Newport City Hall, 42 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island.**

**The following committee members were in attendance: Mr. Brad
Read (Chair), Mr. Paul Harden (Executive Director), Mr. Shawn Brown,
Mr. Quentin Chafee, Captain Paul Costabile, Mr. David Elwell, Ms.
Peggy Forbes, Mr. Jay Gowell, Mr. Geoff Grout, Mr. David Holley, Mr.
Dyer Jones, Mr. Colin Kane, Mr. Bruce Keiser, Ms. Donna Kelly, Mr.
Mike Keyworth, Mr. Jack McVicker, Ms. Diane Mederos, Mr. Terry
Nathan, Mr. Bill Plumb, Ms. Martha Sheridan, Mr. Lynn Singleton, Mr.
Evan Smith, Mr. Keith Stokes, Ms. Jody Sullivan, Dr. Robin Wallace,
Mr. Harry Winthrop.**

The following committee members were not in attendance: Mr.

Christopher Boyle, Mr. Edward Burman III, Ms. Janet Coit, Ms. Trudy Coxe, Mr. Eli Dana, Ms. Alison Eichler, Mr. Bill Harsch, Mr. Halsey Herreshoff, Ms. Jane Howington, Mr. Michael Lewis, Mr. Richard Licht, Mr. Howard McVay, Mr. Richard Nagale,

The following staff members were in attendance: Mr. Tom Hipkins (ACEA), Ms. Susan Maffei Plowden (ACAE), Mr. Joe Dias (RI DEM), Ms. Melissa Chambers (RIEDC), Ms. Lori Bassett (RIEDC), Ms. Nancy Deutsch (Sail Newport)

Others attending and their affiliation:

Mr. Andrew Nota Town of South Kingstown

Mr. Joe Iacoi Southern RI Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Gary Silva Newport Police

Mr. Timothy Mills Newport Harbormaster

Mr. Robert McCormack Ft. Adams Trust

Mr. Tom Shevlin Newport This Week

Ms. Annie Brett Sailors for the Sea

Mr. Philip Pelletier Preservation Society of Newport City

Mr. Vincent Pattavina Sail Newport

Mr. Anderson Reggio Sail Newport

Mr. Tom DeLotto Newport Yachting Center

Ms. Cindy DeLotto AC Charters

Ms. Michele Maker Palmieri Newport Harbor Corp.

Mr. Chuck Moffitt Newport Yachting Center

Mr. Mike Martin Newport Yachting Center
Mr. Bari George Bike Newport
Mr. Andrew Schmidt Puma International
Mr. Ken Shane Jamestown Press
Mr. Robert Paquette RI State Parks
Ms. Maureen Crowley Town of Narragansett
Mr. Joe Mariani Clean the Bay
Ms. Jen Cornwell RI Marine Trades Assoc.
Mr. Chris Feeney Louis Berger Group
Ms. Kim Cooper Sail Newport
Mr. Bob Spagnolo Classic Cruises of Newport (retired)
Mr. Kevin Clapp RI EMA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Brad Read opened the meeting at 3:06 PM. He introduced Mr. Keith Stokes. Mr. Stokes emphasized the importance of the America's Cup World Series. He stressed that this event will bring about sustainable end results that will benefit Rhode Island long after the races are over.

Mr. Stokes introduced Ms. Melissa Chambers of RIEDC; Ms. Chambers will be handling all media inquiries for the America's Cup World Series (ACWS) events. Mr. Paul Harden, Executive Director of the ACWS RI host committee, was introduced. Mr. Stokes noted that

all ACWS meetings will be public and will be held in public facilities that are handicapped accessible. All subcommittee meetings will be in the same manner. Mr. Stokes then introduced Brad Read, committee chair.

2. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Read reviewed the meeting schedule for the next few months. There will be one ACWS RI Host Committee in February (date is to be announced) then they will take place bi-weekly March through June. Mr. Read discussed the purpose of the ACWS RI Host Committee and he then asked all the committee members to introduce themselves individually. After introductions, Mr. Read showed a short presentation spotlighting the ACWS.

Mr. Tom Hipkins and Ms. Susan Maffei Plowden from the America's Cup Event Authority were introduced. Mr. Hipkins stressed the tradition of the America's Cup and the opportunity that exists.

Mr. Read introduced Mr. Paul Harden, Executive Director of the America's Cup RI Event. Mr. Harden introduced Mr. Joe Dias of the RI Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM).

Mr. Harden and Mr. Dias have been working on issues such as facilities, site upgrades, traffic, etc. Mr. Harden emphasized that this event is far different from the one that took place in 1983 and the

importance of the subcommittees. Mr. Dias brought up the fact that all the infrastructure improvements in Fort Adams are not being done just for this race. The first phases will cost approximately \$1M and there will be more work done after the races. This will allow us to compete for other sailing events which were not possible in the past.

Mr. Chris Feeney from Louis Berger Group was introduced; he gave a presentation showing the infrastructure upgrades to Fort Adams State Park.

The Chair then discussed the use of subcommittees to complete the various duties and responsibilities of the host committee.

1. Marine Affairs: Marine affairs has already been underway for over a year. Mr. Read made a motion for Marine Affairs to be put forth as a subcommittee; this motion was seconded, all were in favor. Mr. Read moved that Mr. Michael Keyworth be made chair of this committee; the move was seconded, all were in favor.

2. Mr. Read made a motion to create The Environmental/Sustainability Subcommittee; the motion was seconded and all were in favor. Ms. Janet Coit from the RI DEM and Ms. Annie Brett from Sailors of the Sea were nominated as chairs. The move was seconded, all were in favor.

3. Mr. Read made a motion to create a Marketing/Public Relations Subcommittee. The motion was seconded, all were in favor. This

subcommittee will work directly with Mr. Harden and the staff from RIEDC. The chair for this committee is to be determined.

4. Mr. Read made a motion for the creation of a Logistics/Parking/Traffic Subcommittee; the move was seconded, all were in favor. This committee will work with surrounding towns to make sure the flow of people and traffic moves smoothly. The chair for this committee is to be determined.

5. Mr. Read made a motion for the creation of an Events/Hospitality Subcommittee. This group will work on functions, galas and events throughout Rhode Island leading up to the America's Cup World Series Events. The motion was seconded, all were in favor. He then made a motion to approve Ms. Jody Sullivan of the Newport Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Martha Sheriden of the Providence Warwick Convention Board as the chairs. The motion was seconded, all were in favor. Mr. Harden noted that this committee will be dealing with vendors and their part in the events; this is a key subcommittee.

6. Mr. Read made a motion for the creation of an Activity Zone Subcommittee. The Activity Zone will showcase Rhode Island's educational, environmental and deep cultural heritage. The motion to create this subcommittee was seconded, all in favor. Mr. Read motioned the Ms. Donna Kelly serve as chair; the motion was seconded, all in favor.

7. Mr. Read made a motion for the creation of a Sponsorship Subcommittee. The motion was seconded, all approved. The Chair is to be determined.

All are welcome to participate in these subcommittees.

Subcommittee meetings will be public, to be held in a handicapped accessible, public place. Mr. Stoked suggested the RI DEM and RIEDC as venues. Subcommittee meeting dates are forthcoming. Agendas will be posted 48 hours prior to the meetings on the RIEDC website.

3. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

The meeting turned to a question and answer session for committee members. Mr. Evan Smith asked about a timeframe for the arrival of ships and participants. Mr. Read responded that the containers/ships will arrive June 2nd through the 5th to Quonset. The race teams will arrive prior to the first week of sailing (the first week is June 23rd). Hundreds of ACEA staff members will arrive early June. Most spectators will arrive towards the end of the races, Wednesday through Sunday. There will be a website with this information as the date gets closer.

Mr. McVay asked when Ft. Adams State Park will be accessible to the public. Mr. Dias said the park will be open at all times but there will be sections roped off for heavy equipment. Spectators are welcome and encouraged to visit.

Mr. Keiser asked how boaters on the bay will be affected by the races.

During the races there will be restricted areas but there will be alternate routes available per Mr. Read. Ms. Maffai Plowden stated

that the race boats have exclusion zones that they must stay within.

Mr. Read said that Sail Newport will be marshalling the race areas. They are looking for volunteers with powerboats to assist.

Questions were then taken from the public participants. The question was raised about the purpose of the Activity Center. This will be geared towards the kids; it will involve RI non-profits and will be gravitate towards education, environment, the history of sailing, etc.

Mr. McVay asked for contacts that business people can reach out to. Ms. Jody Sullivan has a master list of vendors approved by the ACEA. They can also contact Mr. Tom Hipkins and Ms. Susan Maffai Plowden of the ACEA.

A public participant asked about notification of future board meetings; these will be posted on the RIEDC website.

4. CLOSING

Mr. Read made a motion to adjourn at 3:55PM. The motion was seconded, meeting adjourned.